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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY ALLEGED ROCKEFELLER
CONSULTANT, DR. T.V.G. KETCHUM

1. A MAN, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS DR. T.V.G. KETCHUM, CALLED CHARGE ON AUGUST 21 AND ASKED FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. KETCHUM CLAIMS HE IS A CONSULTANT FOR GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S COMMISSION ON CRITICAL CHOICES. HE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY HAVE EMBASSY MOSCOW ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH D. PRONSKI OF THE STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND U. V. ANDRIEV OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE GOSPLAN DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 26.

2. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, KETCHUM STATED THAT HE WAS ASKING EMBASSY LONDON TO MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS AFTER DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION IN LONDON, MR. V. IVANOV. KETCHUM DOES NOT HAVE A VISA, BUT CLAIMS IT IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN LONDON. AS HE WAS EVASIVE ABOUT WHY HE HAS NOT ACQUIRED HIS VISA AND ARRANGED HIS APPOINTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND APPEARS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO MEET US AT THE EMBASSY, REQUEST DEPARTMENT VERIFICATION THAT KETCHUM IS ROCKEFELLER CONSULTANT OR OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO OUR ASSISTANCE. KETCHUM INTENDS TO LEAVE LONDON AUGUST 24.

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